

EAST COVENTRY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2014

Attendance: Gail Brown (Chairperson), Penny Morton (Secretary), Ann Keen (Member), Larry Tietjen (Planning Commission Liaison/Member)-arrived at 8:25 p.m. **Absent:** Scott Fitzgerald (Vice Chairperson), Rosemarie Miller (Member). Also present was Mariea Geho, Vice Chairperson of the Township Board of Supervisors.

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by G. Brown, Chairperson.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes: Review of the July 9, 2014 meeting minutes tabled until the September 10, 2014 Historical Commission meeting.

Public Comments: M. Geho stated to the Board of Supervisors that Fricks Locks Village had the second highest head count of visitors of all Town Tours and Village Walks this year.

New Business

1. Relocation of National Register and National Historic Landmark File Collection: being moved from Washington D.C. to Fort Worth, Texas NARA (National Archives and Records Administration) Federal Records between August 19, 2014 and October 3, 2014. By October, 2014 the National Park Service (NPS) expects interim access to a scanned "working file" for records involved on a 5-day turn around basis.
2. Eagle Scout Project: Joe Kennedy presented his narrative and picture of proposed benches for Fricks Locks Village. Exelon has approved Joe's plans. A motion was made by G. Brown to approve Joe Kennedy's Fricks Locks bench plan proposal, seconded by P. Morton. G. Brown asked for a roll call vote – G. Brown, aye; P. Morton, aye; A. Keen, aye; L. Tietjen, aye. Motion approved 4-0-0. G. Brown noted the Eagle Scout Project submitted to the Board of Supervisors would need to list project materials and cost. M. Geho, Township Supervisor, asked Mr. Kennedy to send her a copy of the proposal to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors.
3. In response to Karen Nocella's (Township Supervisor) request for Committee goals for next year, the Historical Commission established the following:
 - Promote completion of the Schuylkill River Trail
 - Establishment of a trailhead at Fricks Locks Village
 - Continue coordination with Chester County to install a bathroom in the village for trail users.
 - Now that we have received matching funds for our Fricks Locks Village Feasibility Study, coordinate completion with Dale Frens, Frens and Frens, LLC.

Old Business

1. Fricks Locks Feasibility Study Grant status: per M. Geho, a \$5,000 matching grant was approved. The Township will write a letter of acceptance.
2. Re-cap of the July 17, 2014 Fricks Locks Village Town Tour and Village Walk: we had a final head count of 421 plus 20 for the National Alliance Tour for a grand total of 441 for the day. Everyone did an excellent job!
3. G. Brown and P. Morton attended the July 31, 2014 Nantmeal Village Walk.

Committees

1. **Oral History Committee:** No one present,
2. **Archives Committee:** A. Keen and M. Geho are still computerizing files and are almost finished. Most cataloguing is done and doubled checked. Discussed future plans for computerizing onto the Webpage.
3. **Fricks Locks Tour Guide Committee:** A special tour of the Village was conducted on Saturday, July 26, 2014 for Mr. Walt Woessner and out of town guests and Joe Kennedy, Eagle Scout Project Applicant, and guests.

Other Business

1. Recap of the tax credit for Historic Preservation in Pa. was discussed.
2. Received an e-mail from K. Marshall requesting anyone who would like to brag about their Township website Historical Postings to contact Anna Sicalides and share information.

Adjournment

Meeting to be continued at the September 10, 2014 regular meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Penny Morton, Secretary